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Assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating cyclone

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the colossal loss of human life and the unprecedented destruction of property and infrastructure caused by the cyclone and tidal waves that struck Bangladesh on 29 April 1991,

Considering that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries, and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

Aware that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

Recognizing the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the sufferings of disaster victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

Noting the appeal to the international community by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to come forward in aid of those affected by the disastrous cyclone,

1. Expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Bangladesh during the tragic aftermath of the disaster;

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2. Appeals to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, and to non-governmental organizations to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the calamity;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all possible assistance to Bangladesh to mitigate the suffering of the victims and to prevent further consequences of the disaster, particularly through the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, as well as other relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system.